

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF THE DELTA WATERMASTER  
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

**ITEM 3**

**SUBJECT**

QUARTERLY DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL LEAD SCIENTIST'S REPORT

**DISCUSSION**

The Delta Science Program (DSP) continues to make progress on 2018 priorities; this quarterly update will highlight recent activities with particular focus on two priorities: funding support for the DSP's Critical Science efforts and the 2018 Bay Delta Science Conference.

On September 10, the DSP along with California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a joint Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for Delta Science Research. This is a major step towards collaborative Delta science, with multiple agencies coming together for a joint Delta Science PSN that directly addresses knowledge gaps identified by the Science Action Agenda. Proposals for this PSN will be due October 26, 2018.

The Bay Delta Science Conference was held September 10-12, 2018 with over 1000 attendees. The conference is a unique forum for the Delta science and management community to present their findings to a broad audience of researchers, managers, decision makers, and stakeholders. This year's plenary session included invited speakers focusing on adaptive management, social sciences, and science communication. In addition, there were ~280 oral presentations and over 150 posters, across a broad range of topics, including: climate impacts, fish ecology and biology, non-native species, water quality, water supply, social sciences, ecosystem restoration, modeling, and decision-support tools.

**POLICY ISSUE**

None. (Informational Item)

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None. (Informational Item)

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None. (Informational Item)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None. (Informational Item)